



8:30AM | December 10, 2023 | 2nd Sunday of Advent

You are invited to join the pastors, on the right side of the altar, for a time of prayer before we begin worship this morning.

PRELUDE Dr. Esequiel Meza, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us know that you worshipped with us today: www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/ See our full list of announcements here: www.westernhillsep.org/happening-now/

*AFFIRMATION

My God, in you only do I find the answer to the questions that perplex and confuse me. Yet I know that in your good time the answer will be made to me.

*PETITION

Give me grace, dear God, to live with my questions until you are pleased to make the way clear.

*HYMN O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1,2,7) UMH #211

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

SONGS OF THE SAVIOR Mary and Elizabeth

***HYMN Joy to the World** (v. 1,2,4) UMH #246

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN Prepare the Way of the Lord (2x) UMH #207

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Thanks be to God!

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*DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE Joy: Nagging Questions Rev. Kim Kinsey

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:18-25 (unison)

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

GIVING TALK & OFFERING

Tithes & offerings can be mailed to the church office. (524 Thunderbird Dr.) You may also give electronically on our website at www.westernhillsep.org/donate

*HYMN Hark! the Herald Angels Sing UMH #240

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Deck the Halls Judi Wilkinson, piano

arr. Chip Davis (Mannheim Steamroller)
You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude.

LAY READER: Norm Amundson

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